goods. A conference of Chief Ministers held on 28th May, 1984 recommended by consensus, different aspects of framing legislation for taxing inter-State consignment of goods. As some of the issues involved are required to be sorted out with the States, it has not yet been possible to take any decision wih regard to levy of consignment tax. There is also no reliable estimate of the probable income from the proposed consignment tax.

Textile Mills run by NTC and State Governments

855. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the textile mills run by the NTC and State Government, including Gujarat Government and the number of workers employed in these mills;

(b) what is the loss suffered by NTC; the amount spent on wages paid to the workers; the volume of cloth produced and the value thereof and also the excise duty paid to Government during the last three years;

(c) what is the number of mills making profits or incurring losses during the last one year, managed by the NTC; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that the NTC has proposed the closure of uneconomic textile units; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) According to available information, about 2.09 lakh workers are employed in the textile mills run by NTC and about 95,000 workers are employed in the textile mills run by State Governments, including the Gujarat Government. A Statement showing the names of the textile mills run by the NTC and the State Government is attached. (*See* Appendix CXXXIX , Annexure No. 50]

(b) The position regarding 123 textile mills, in operation, under the NTC is given below:—

	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86
Not loss (Rs. crores)	158·28	204·26	183·80
Amount spent on salaries & Wages (Rs. Crores)	242·00	282·00	331·00
Cloth production (million metres)	165·50	138·55	139 32
Production value (Rs. Crores)	642·00	777·00	968·00
Excise duty paid (Rs. Crores)	34·00	37·00	41·00

(c) During the year 1985-86, 10 (Textile) mills made net profit and 113 mills incurred net losses.

(d) The Textile Policy states that the continued operation of units, which are incapable of becoming viable, would mean a continued drain on scarce resources and such units or parts thereof may have to be closed down to prevent any further losses. However, no final decision has been taken regarding which mills are to be closed.

Imports by MMTC and STC

856. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of imports

made by MMTC and the STC in terms of CIF value as well as quantity during the last three years, year-wise and item-wise and foreign exchange in terms of US dollar spent thereon; and

(b) what are the item-wise details of export of various types of ores and minerals made through public sector agencies or otherwise during the last three years, in terms of quantity exported and its FOB value and the amount of foreign exchange in terms of US dollar earned therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Entry to Chakma Refugees into Tripura

857. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Chakma refugees who have entered into Tripura from Bangladesh in the last few months;

(b) what are the reasons for the sudden spurt in the influx of such refugees;

(c) what is the amount spent so far by the Central Government and the Government of Tripura for providing relief to these refugees; and

(d) what steps Government have taken to send back these refugees to Bangladesh with dignity and honour?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) As on 22-7-1986, 22,892 Chakma refugees had entered into Tripura from the Chittagong Hill Tracts of Bangladesh.

(b) The current influx of refugees from the Chittagong Hill Tracts into Tripura is because of the continuing armed conflicts between Bangladesh Security Forces and the Shanti Bahini—a Chakma guerilla organisation.

(c) The Govt. of India have sanctioned an amount of Rs. 51 lakhs for the Govt. of Tripura for providing relief to these refugees.

(d) Government has taken up with the Govt. of Bangladesh the matter of early return of these refugees in peace and safety and the Govt. of Bangladesh have agreed to work out modalities to this end.

Charter of Demands submitted by Plantation Workers' Union

858. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Coordination Committee of Plantation Workers' Union has submitted a 36-Point charter of demands;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether the present three-year wage agreement has expired on the 1st July, 1986; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken by Government on the charter of demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. According to information received from the Government of West Bengal, a Charter of Demands has been submitted by the Coordination Committee of Plantation Workers'